

**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

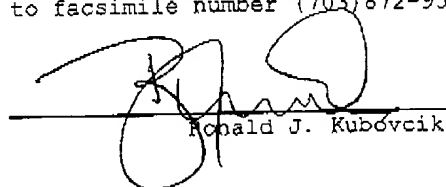
**FEB 02 2005**

**PATENT**  
**NON-FINAL**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/830,215 Confirmation No. 3140  
Applicant : Akira KUBOTA et al.  
Filed : April 24, 2001  
TC/A.U. : 1773  
Examiner : N.J. Uhlir  
Dkt. No. : IPE-004  
Cust. No. : 20374

I hereby certify that this paper is being  
facsimile transmitted on February 2, 2005, to  
the United States Patent and Trademark Office  
to facsimile number (703)872-9306.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald J. Kubovcik

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**TO THE THIRD OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 2, 2005

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated  
November 5, 2004.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider  
the remarks that follow.

P:\02-05\ipe-004-pto-111.wpd